

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 273

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to recognize Matthew Derek Brown on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Matthew Brown, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, will join the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on May 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the son of Robert and Donna Brown, Matthew is a student at Heritage High School, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 777 of the Tuckaleechee District includes numerous Merit Badges, distinguished service as a Dan Beard counselor at Camp Buck Toms and volunteer work at Cub Scout summer camps, standing in assistance to Cub Scout Pack 684 in Walland, and membership in the Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; he dutifully renumbered the trees at the Historic Sam Houston Schoolhouse, enhancing the experience for all visitors; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of Old Chilhowee Baptist Church of Blount County; and

WHEREAS, a proud and valuable member of his community, Mr. Brown serves as a member of the Maryville College Community Band and is a candidate for the Maryville College Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Matthew Brown as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Matthew Derek Brown on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.